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Fort Indiantown Gap Training Site
Annville, Pennsylvania 17003-5002**

FTIG SOP 190-11

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Weapons in the Garrison Area

SUBJECT

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1. SUMMARY: The primary consideration in the operation of the Fort Indiantown Gap Training Site is to ensure the safety of all individuals who work, train, and visit the installation. This policy is established to effectively regulate the carrying of weapons in the Garrison Area of FTIG.

2. APPLICABILITY: This SOP applies to all Department of Defense (DOD) military/civilian employees ordered to FTIG on Active Duty (AD), Annual Training (AT), Inactive Duty for Training (IDT), Active Duty Operational Support (ADOS), and Temporary Duty (TDY).

3. SUGGESTED IMPROVEMENTS: The proponent of this SOP is the Fort Indiantown Gap Training Site. Users are invited to send comments and suggested improvements in memorandum format to: Fort Indiantown Gap Training Site, Building T-0-1, Fort Indiantown Gap, Annville, PA 17003-5002

4. PURPOSE: This Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) prescribes policies, procedures, and responsibilities for carrying weapons in the Garrison Area of Fort Indiantown Gap (FTIG), Annville, PA 17003-5002.

5. SCOPE: This SOP is effective immediately. This SOP supersedes all previous guidance and will be adhered to by all personnel.

6. CONTACT INFORMATION:

- a. DIAL 911 FROM A POST PHONE FOR ALL EMERGENCIES.
- b. For non-emergency information, use the following extensions on FTIG:
 - (1) Ambulance and Fire (717) 861-2111.
 - (2) Police/Security (717) 861-2727.
- c. Training Site Personnel:
 - (1) Garrison Commander: Commercial (717) 861-8155 or e-mail: samuel.e.hayes@us.army.mil
 - (2) Deputy Garrison Commander: Commercial (717) 861-8156 or e-mail: william.yearwood@us.army.mil .

7. OBJECTIVES:

- a. Ensure the safety of all persons using FTIG.
- b. Protect Federal, State, and personal property from damage, misuse, or abuse.

8. RESPONSIBILITIES:

- a. The **Garrison Commander** develops and implements plans, policies, and procedures to ensure the safety of all persons, facilities, and resources at FTIG.
- b. **Fort Indiantown Gap Police:**
 - (1) Train full-time officers on this SOP.
 - (2) Enforce requirements of this SOP.
 - (3) Enforce all FTIG regulations and SOP's.
- c. **Federal, State, and Non-Appropriated Fund Personnel employed at FTIG:**
 - (1) Become familiar with this SOP.
 - (2) Enforce this SOP within your facility at FTIG and make on-the-spot corrections as necessary. Contact FTIG Police for assistance, if required.
- d. **Units and Individuals training at FTIG.**
 - (1) Become familiar with this SOP.
 - (2) Enforce this SOP within your unit while at FTIG and make on-the-spot corrections as necessary.

9. POLICY:

- a. Weapons are **NOT PERMITTED** inside facilities in the Garrison Area of FTIG (South of Blue Mountain) with the following exceptions:
 - (1) Law Enforcement Officers in the performance of their official duties.
 - (2) Tenet Organizations at FTIG within buildings they own as required by their mission (i.e., the 166th Regiment within Area 8).
 - (3) Billeting, admin, and supply buildings drawn by a unit from the FTIG Training Site Logistics Office for the performance of IDT or AT. Range and/or training facilities drawn by a unit from Range Control.
 - (4) The Firing Desk at Range Control (building 11-9).
 - (5) The Unit Training Equipment Site (UTES) (building 12-140).
 - (6) The Troop Medical Clinic (building 4-114) when entering the facility in response to a medical emergency.
- b. Unit members will maintain 100% physical accountability of their weapons at all times. They will employ the "Buddy System" to maintain positive control of their weapons outside when they enter facilities where weapons are not permitted. At no time will a weapon be left unsecured in a vehicle or building.
- c. Weapons will not be transported in a privately owned vehicle at any time.
- d. Unit members will not enter any facilities in the Garrison Area of FTIG with live or blank ammunition at any time.

10. SIGNAGE: Signs will be procured and prominently posted at select locations informing all entrants of the Fort Indiantown Gap policy on carrying weapons. The absence of a sign does not necessarily mean that weapons are permitted inside a facility. Signs will read:

NO WEAPONS PERMITTED INSIDE THIS
FACILITY. (EXCEPTION: LAW ENFORCEMENT
OFFICERS IN PERFORMANCE OF THEIR
OFFICIAL DUTIES.) BY ORDER OF THE
GARRISON COMMANDER

11. NOTIFICATION: Units and unit members will be made aware of the FTIG Weapons in the Garrison Area SOP by the following means:

- a. Initial distribution to PA-Users via RCAS.
- b. During Weekly Range Coordination Meetings, every Friday, 1330, at Range Control.
- c. During every Range Safety Briefing conducted by Range Control.
- d. Included in each confirmation letter units receive back from Range Control locking in their requested resources at FTIG.
- e. Posted on the Fort Indiantown Gap Training Site Website.

12. VIOLATIONS.

- a. For an initial violation, an on-the-spot correction will be made. The offender will be asked to depart the facility immediately with their weapon and reminded what the FTIG SOP is regarding carrying weapons in the Garrison Area.
- b. In the event of a repeat or belligerent offender, the FTIG Police Force will be contacted to rectify the situation.
- c. Information regarding repeat or belligerent offenders will be forwarded to the Garrison Commander for subsequent follow-up with the individual's Chain of Command.

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